



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:

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For:

**NOVEL SYNTHETIC  
HYDROPHOBIC SAND  
FORMULATION**

Group Art Unit:

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Examiner:

J. Gellner

**AMENDMENTS AND REMARKS IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL REJECTION****RECEIVED**

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**GROUP 3600**Box Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on September 6, 2002, Applicants hereby respectfully request entry and due consideration of the following amendments and remarks:

**AMENDMENTS****IN THE CLAIM:**

- 1.(Amended) A synthetic hydrophobic sand formulation exhibiting a penetration period of at least 9 seconds for a drop of 2 molar ethanol under a minimal ethanol drop test wherein at least a portion of said sand formulation is treated with humic acid.